

to discuss promoting human prosperity, energy security, environmental sustainability, public security, democratic governance, and the Summit's implementation and review process; and

Whereas on February 10, 2009, President Barack Obama stated that he would attend the Fifth Summit of the Americas to "create the kind of partnership based on respect that the people of Latin America are looking for and that will be beneficial to the United States": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate—

(1) to express support for the Fifth Summit of the Americas as an effective multilateral forum, convened in the spirit of cooperation and partnership for the 34 democratically elected heads of state of the region to address shared challenges and foster collaboration throughout the Western Hemisphere;

(2) that the Fifth Summit provides the United States with an early opportunity to reinvigorate and strengthen its engagement with the countries of the Western Hemisphere, especially in—

(A) finding common solutions to the global economic crisis;

(B) promoting energy security; and

(C) combating threats to public and personal security, including threats from terrorism, international narcotics cartels, and organized criminal groups;

(3) that the United States is prepared to work with the countries of the Western Hemisphere on advancing an agenda of human prosperity, including—

(A) encouraging multilateral development institutions to invest in micro- to medium-sized enterprises;

(B) continuing the fight against HIV/AIDS, vector-borne, and noncommunicable diseases;

(C) raising the standard of living of the people in the region who currently live in poverty;

(D) eradicating child labor;

(E) recommitting to the Millennium Development Goals; and

(F) supporting investment in public health and education throughout the Western Hemisphere;

(4) that the United States should use the Fifth Summit of the Americas to strengthen cooperation by working with other nations to formulate and implement a regional energy strategy to promote—

(A) increased technology and information sharing;

(B) regulatory harmonization;

(C) integration; and

(D) renewable and alternative energy sources;

(5) to welcome civil society and nongovernmental organizations at the Fifth Summit, and to encourage their observation and active participation in the Summit's decision-making process to strengthen democratic governance, the rule of law, freedom of the press, and civil society in the Western Hemisphere; and

(6) to set achievable and measurable goals, based on areas of consensus, and to strengthen followup mechanisms to review the implementation, reporting, and progress of Summit initiatives.

#### TRAGIC EVENTS AT THE PINELAKE HEALTH AND REHAB CENTER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 101.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 101) expressing the sense of the Senate on the tragic events at the Pinelake Health and Rehab Center in Carthage, North Carolina on Sunday, March 29, 2009.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 101) was agreed to, as follows:

#### S. RES. 101

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) offers its heartfelt condolences to the victims and their families, and to the staff and their families, who have been deeply affected by the tragic events that occurred at the Pinelake Health and Rehab Center in Carthage, North Carolina on March 29, 2009;

(2) honors the lives of the deceased victims—Jerry Avant, Louise DeKler, Lillian Dunn, Tessie Garner, John Goldstrom, Bessie Hedrick, Margaret Johnson, and Jesse Musser; and

(3) recognizes the heroism of Officer Justin Garner, whose decisive action and bravery preserved the safety of many, and wishes Officer Garner a complete and rapid recovery from the wound he sustained.

#### PROVIDING FOR SENATE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND JOINT COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS ON THE LIBRARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 102.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 102) providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 102) was agreed to, as follows:

#### S. RES. 102

*Resolved*, That the following named Members be, and they are hereby, elected members of the following joint committees of Congress:

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING: Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Udall of New Mexico, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Chambliss.

JOINT COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS ON THE LIBRARY: Mr. Schumer, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Cochran.

#### AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND DOCUMENT PRODUCTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now

proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 103.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 103) to authorize testimony and document production in Richard Bowen v. Department of the Navy.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for testimony in a whistle-blower protection case against the Department of the Navy in which a civilian Navy employee is appealing an adverse employment action before the Merit Systems Protection Board. The employee is alleging that the Navy retaliated against him for protected whistle-blowing activities about alleged waste in Navy programs.

Among the whistle-blowing activities that the employee relies on is a brief meeting that representatives of a Navy contracting firm had with staff of the Virginia Senate delegation in February 2008 about their firm's work on an energy management contract that the employee managed for the Navy.

The Navy has requested that the Senate make available through written declaration staff who can testify about whether the employee's allegations were raised at the meeting in order to establish whether that meeting constituted protected whistle-blowing activities.

Senator Webb would like to cooperate with this request. Accordingly, this resolution would authorize Jamie Lynch, a former fellow with Senator Webb's office, to testify. The resolution would also authorize production of relevant documents, except where a privilege should be asserted.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 103) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 103

Whereas, in the case of Richard Bowen v. Department of the Navy, No. SF-0752-09-0040-I-1, pending before the Merit Systems Protection Board, a request has been made for documents from the office of Senator Jim Webb and a declaration from Jamie Lynch, a former fellow in the office of Senator Webb;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it